To see if your concrete floor is sealed, perform the **water drop test**. Pour a small splash or dime-sized drop of water onto the surface and wait a few minutes. If the water beads up and the concrete stays dry underneath, it is sealed. If it darkens or soaks in quickly, it is unsealed. YouTube · Deco-Crete TV +3

The Water Drop Test Steps

- **Clean a small spot** on your floor so dirt does not block the test.
- **Pour a small amount of water** (about the size of a coin or a small splash) onto the spot. Benjamin Moore
- **Wait 1 to 5 minutes** and watch what happens to the liquid. W. R. Meadows +1
- **Check the results:**
  - **Sealed:** The water stays in tight beads or puddles. The concrete underneath does not change color.
  - **Unsealed or failing seal:** The water flattens out, slowly absorbs, or instantly darkens the concrete gray. YouTube · Deco-Crete TV +1

Other Signs to Look For

- **Dusting:** Unsealed or worn concrete often releases fine concrete dust when you sweep or walk on it.
- **Staining:** If oil, water, or other liquids leave permanent dark spots immediately, the protective barrier is gone.
- **Appearance:** A healthy topical sealer often has a slight sheen or gloss, while bare concrete looks completely flat and chalky.

If you plan to paint, coat, or reseal the floor, let me know **what type of product you want to apply next** so I can help you prep the surface correctly.